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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIAL CONCERN AT UN INTENTIONS
TO BEAM DIRECT BROADCASTS TO SOUTH AFRICA ON VOA
FACILITIES

REF: USIA 828

1. SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY MINISTER SHEARER CALLED ON AF
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(EDMONDSON) JANUARY 16 TO EXPRESS CONCERN AT REPORTS
THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MIGHT BEGIN BEAMING DIRECT
BROADCASTS TO SOUTH AFRICA USING VOA FACILITIES, IN
RESPONSE TO UNGA RESOLUTION 32/105H OF DECEMBER 14, 1977,
SHEARER INDICATED HE WAS NOT ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS.
DEPARTMENT PROMISED TO LOOK INTO MATTER.

2. AFTER CHECKING WITH USIA AND VOA, DEPARTMENT (TAYLOR) PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO SHEARER BY TELEPHONE JANUARY 20. QUOTE VOA FACILITIES IN AFRICA ARE NOT MADE AVAILABLE TO THIRD PARTIES FOR THE DIRECT TRANSMISSION OF RADIO PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH VOA REGULARLY COOPERATES WITH UN RADIO AND VARIOUS NATIONAL SYSTEMS TO PROVIDE RADIO FEED SERVICES FOR DISPATCHES TO LOCAL FACILITIES FOR REPEAT TO LOCAL LISTENERS. WHILE VOA HAS INDICATED THAT THEY WILL EXAMINE SERIOUSLY THE FEASIBILITY

OF PLACING TRANSMITTER TIME AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNGA RES 32/105H OF 14 DECEMBER 1977, IT HAS MADE NO COMMITMENT TO CHANGE ITS POLICY ON DIRECT BROADCASTS. IT HAS NOTED THAT PRESENT VOA BROADCASTS DO NOT REACH SOUTH AFRICA ON A REGULAR AND RELIABLE BASIS IN ANY EVENT. VOA CONTINUES TO WELCOME THE RECEIPT OF MATERIAL FROM THE UN FOR INCLUSION IN THE VOA'S OWN PROGRAMS TO AFRICA. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY/CONSULATES MAY DRAW ON ABOVE LANGUAGE ON A BACKGROUND BASIS IN THE EVENT THEY RECEIVE INQUIRIES FROM THE PRESS. CHRISTOPHER

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